

**1448 Heatherton Drive  
Naperville, IL 60563-2251**

January 12, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing this letter because I would like to go on record, per the Tunney Act, as being in favor of the Microsoft settlement. Last November, the Justice Department and Microsoft finally agreed to a settlement that would end the three-year antitrust lawsuit. This settlement stands to benefit the technology industry, and the economy.

Competition in the IT industry will foster, resulting in an improved economy because of this settlement. Microsoft has agreed to grant computer makers broad new rights to configure Windows so as to promote non-Microsoft software programs that compete with programs included within Windows. Computer makers will now be free to remove the means by which consumers access various features of Windows. This will encourage competition in the IT industry and bolster the economy. What more could anyone ask for?

The settlement that was reached last November between Microsoft and the Department of Justice is fair and reasonable, and I support it 100%.

With sincere regard for justice,

  
William Zuraw